

31 May, 2017

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 69 – 75

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 31 May, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	T. J. Jones
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
H. J. Evans	J. S. Randall
J. P. Hart	E. Simons

Absent: F. Akhtar

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. E. Simmons deputising) and W. V. Thomas.

70. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

71. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the committee reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 30 April, 2017, be noted.

72. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for March and April 2017, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £150,282.53 and £154,717.27 and £132,935.31 and £119,750.31 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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**73. TRAINING PROGRAMMES - CONTRACT VALUES
2016/17**

RESOLVED that the contract values report covering the period 1 August, 2016 to 31 July, 2017 be noted.

**74. AUDIT FEES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING
TO THE 2015-16 AUDIT**

Correspondence was received from the Assistant Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office informing Members that a number of councils had recently written to the Wales Audit Office raising questions or concerns about the 2015-16 audit fees and allocated auditors.

Following consultation and extensive publicity over the last three to four years, the Auditor General changed the audit approach for community councils for 2015-16 to assist in addressing various weaknesses across the sector. The new approach applied to all councils regardless of their income and expenditure. This was because the Auditor General identified that the systemic issues noted affected councils of all sizes.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.

75. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistance and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Carmarthenshire Young Traders 2017 – that enquiries be made to establish if any schools situated in the rural area were entering the competition, if so, a contribution of £100 be made to each school in the rural area;
- (2) Eoin McDonald – that the application be noted;
- (3) Parkinsons UK – Llanelli Branch – that a contribution of £250 be made;
- (4) Rotary Club of Llanelli – that the matter be referred to Local Ward Members.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.10 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 13 June, 2017, adopted by the Council.